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Attached and pasted below is the OW Management Report for Hurricanes Irma and Maria for 9/30/2017

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#### **Note: Hurricane Irma Report begins on page 5**

#### **EPA HQ:**

Water Desk Staffing for the coming week:

Saturday 9/29: Kevin Tingley

Sunday 9/30: Nushat Thomas

Monday 10/1: Kevin Tingley

Tuesday 10/2-Wednesday 10/3: Sam Hernandez

Thursday 10/4-Friday 10/5: Holly Arrigoni

#### **Notable Updates**

- PREPA reports that 95% of their clients are without service. PREPA Director indicated that they will be constructing new generating unit at the Palo Seco Power plant to serve the northern part of Puerto Rico. This construction could take up to 3 months. They are proposing this alternative in order to supply the demand in northern Puerto Rico as the electrical transmission and distribution system from south to north has collapsed.
- Region 2 is working with FEMA on developing a short term (30 day) Recovery MA for Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Since the NDRF has not yet been activated, the first MA will be supported by the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) authority to pre-stage RSF coordinators and partners for the initial data gathering and recovery planning work.
- PRASA reports that 50% of clients are without drinking water service. PRASA Director indicated that their focus at this time has been supplying diesel to generators at the

main wastewater treatment plants in order to control public health and environmental impacts.

- Non-PRASA drinking water facilities: In Puerto Rico, there are 297 independent private and community water treatment systems that serve approximately 4% of the population. Operating status is as yet unknown for all of these facilities.
- The Army National Guard has supplied four reverse osmosis units. The RO units are currently located on STX (St. Croix), however, the units are not currently deployed and it is unclear when and where the units will be utilized.
- USVI Water and Power Authority (WAPA) is reporting they are operating at 1/3 of typical drinking water distribution capacity on STX. WAPA collected and analyzed 20 samples from WAPA operated drinking systems. All results indicate no issues with the drinking water quality from WAPA systems.
- Hurricane Harvey activity has transitioned from response to recovery. Contact Claudia Hosch, EPA Region 6 Recovery Coordinator, with questions at 214-665-6465.

### **Hurricane Maria Update – Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands**

Tropical Storms Maria and Lee are far out to sea and no longer a concern for US interests. Deep tropical moisture is expected to bring numerous showers and thunderstorms to Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands through 10/1. The potential exists for cloud to ground lightning and heavy rainfall which may cause additional flash flooding especially for areas that remain saturated from recent heavy rainfall. Rainfall amounts of 2 to 4 inches will be possible, and a flash flood watch has been posted for Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands (thru 10/1).

The Puerto Rico (PR) and USVI Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) remain at Full Activation.

As of 9/27/17, the personnel information from the EPA re-deployment plan was provided to FEMA so flights and lodging needs can be coordinated for the first wave of EPA responders. Flights for EPA personnel continued to be postponed, as the priority is still the life-saving and life sustaining mission. Suitable lodging on PR remains a challenge.

1. Puerto Rico: 120 people (50 people on 9/30 + 50 people on 10/1 + 20 people on 10/7)
  - St Croix: 68 people (34 people on 9/30 + 34 people on 10/2)
  - St Thomas: 68 people (34 people on 10/1 + 34 people on 10/2)

CEPD – All CEPD personnel are accounted for and safe. Thanks to the CID/NCERT agents that assisted CEPD locate our EPA employees.

### **Local/State Activities**

#### **Puerto Rico:**

PREPA reports that 95% of their clients are without service. PREPA Director indicated that they will be constructing new generating unit at the Palo Seco Power plant to serve the northern part of Puerto Rico. This construction could take up to 3 months. They are proposing this alternative in order to supply the demand in northern Puerto Rico as the electrical transmission and distribution system from south to north has collapsed.

#### **U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI):**

As of 0830 on 9/27/2017 (no update for 9/30), power outages for USVI include: St. Thomas: 19,574 (99%); St. John: 2,893 (100%); and St. Croix: 25,274 (90%). FEMA has indicated that there will be two power-supplied labs: one in St. Thomas (supplied with a functioning generator) and one in St. Croix (pending generator installation).

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### **Federal Activities**

#### **FEMA:**

The USACE has received a mission assignment under ESF 3 for water and wastewater Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to assess PRASA facilities in response to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. USACE and EPA are coordinating a potential sub-tasking for EPA support similar to that done in Florida for Hurricane Irma.

FEMA National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) remains at Level I (Full Activation).

### **EPA Region 2 Activities**

**Hurricane Irma Recovery Update.** In terms of recovery Mission Assignments (MAs), Region 2 is working with FEMA on developing a short term (30 day) Recovery MA for Hurricanes Irma and Maria. Since the NDRF has not yet been activated, the first MA will be supported by the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) authority to pre-stage RSF coordinators and partners for the initial data gathering and recovery planning work.

### **Drinking Water and Wastewater System Status**

#### **Puerto Rico:**

PRASA reports that 50% of clients are without drinking water service. PRASA Director indicated that their focus at this time has been supplying diesel to generators at the main wastewater treatment plants in order to control public health and environmental impacts. Of PRASA's total 52 total plants, 9 are operational, 19 are non-operational, and 24 have an unknown operational status.

Non-PRASA drinking water facilities: In Puerto Rico, there are 297 independent private and

community water treatment systems that serve approximately 4% of the population.

EPA has received several requests for DW/WW analytical and assessment and sampling support from USACE, PRASA, and PRDOH. REOC and IOF staff are preparing supporting documentation to support the eventual Mission Assignment that will cover all of these requests.

CEPD DW and WW section conducted assessments at 7 PRASA WWTP facilities.

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CEPD DW and WW section conducted assessments at 3 PRASA water quality laboratories. Two of the three (Arecibo & Caguas) were found to have significant storm damage.

**Virgin Islands:** <http://www.viwapa.vi>

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## U.S. Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority (WAPA)

[www.viwapa.vi](http://www.viwapa.vi)

U.S. VIWAPA Home page ... Bill Pay; Change Address; Consumer Production Reports; Energy Conservation Tips

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The Army National Guard has supplied four reverse osmosis units. The RO units are currently located on STX, however, the units are not currently deployed and it is unclear when and where the units will be utilized.

Ocean Systems water testing: EPA is still working to procure a contract with Ocean Systems for sampling and lab analysis on STX, STT, and STJ. The Ocean Systems lab on STT is functioning under generator power. The Ocean Systems lab on STX is not operational due to lack of power, EPA has requested and is waiting for FEMA to provide a generator for this facility. Until a generator secured for the STX lab, EPA will continue to analyze the collected water samples on STX utilizing a Colilert field test kit for the presence/absence of bacteria.

EPA collected 24 drinking water samples, which will be analyzed for E. coli and total coliform. The results were expected to be available late Friday.

Of the 12 drinking water samples collected on 9/27/17, one sample was positive for bacteria. EPA will continue to coordinate with DPNR to notify the proprietor of the system and ensure disinfection measures are taken.

WAPA is reporting they are operating at 1/3 of typical drinking water distribution capacity on STX. WAPA collected and analyzed 20 samples from WAPA operated drinking systems. All results indicate no issues with the drinking water quality from WAPA systems.

#### STX Waste Water:

- The main treatment station located at the airport is operating on primary power. No critical needs at this time.
  - 2 main feeders need a generator for power, 1 feeder has a generator
  - 3 lift stations are bypassing due to no power. All need a generator
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#### STT Waste Water

- 4 pump stations are currently bypassing to residential streets due to no power. All need a generator.
  - 1 pump station is operating on generator power
  - 3 WWTP are currently operating on generator power
  - 1 WWTP is having issues with their clarifier
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#### STJ Waste Water

- 3 facilities operating on generator power
- 3 facilities not operational due to no power. All need a generator

### **Hurricane Irma Update – Florida**

**Region 4 is now providing reports on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Updated information will appear in the OW Management Report on 10/2/2017.**

#### **Local/State and other Federal Agency Activities**

The FL EOC is at Partial Activation and the MS, TN, and, NC EOCs are at Monitoring. The EPA Region 4 REOC remains at Level 3 activation. The REOC will go to remote operations over the coming weekend.

The FEMA Region IV RRCC transitioned from Level II (full activation) to normal operations. All members of the RRCC were released, including staff under ESF-10.

#### **EPA Region 4 Activities**

The USACE and the Water Protection Division has completed their field mission of assisting FDEP in assessing the status of drinking water and wastewater facilities. The FAST completed 592 assessments of the 1,112 non-community drinking water systems assigned to the team by FDEP. Pending receipt of new assignments, EPA Water Team members have demobilized.

### **Drinking Water and Wastewater System Status**

**Florida:** See tables below for damage assessment information for community drinking water systems and POTWs.

Boil water notice (BWN) or advisories are published on the Florida Department of Health's website (<http://www.floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/drinking-water/boil-water-notices.html>).

Total Number of Community Drinking Water Systems (CWS) and Total Population Served in Florida				
	Large CWS (Over 3,300)		Small CWS (under 3,300)	
	# Systems	Population Served	# Systems	Population Served
Operational:	395	19,210,964	1,192	683,098
Partially Operational:	1	77,500	14	15,084
Non Operational:	0	0	3	255
Unknown:	0	0	34	10,916
Totals:	396	19,288,464	1,244	710,553
Boil Water Notices	58 Active BWN			
<b>Comments:</b> Data is compiled from the State of Florida's StormTracker system. The inventory of public water systems in StormTracker consists of all 1,630 Community Water Systems (CWS) and 11 non-community public water systems regulated by the State. These facilities were identified by Florida as the most critical for operational status determinations following major disasters. For convenience, all 1,641 facilities are reported as "CWS" in this table.				
<b>Operational:</b> Facility producing drinking water for greater than 90% of customers under normal operating conditions				
<b>Partially Operational:</b> Facility producing drinking water under adverse conditions and/or supplying less than 90% of customers				
<b>Non Operational:</b> Facility not producing or supplying drinking water				
<b>Unknown:</b> Status of facility unknown at this time				

<b>Total Number of Publicly-Owned Wastewater Treatment Plants (POTWs) All Florida Counties</b>			
	NPDES Permitted Facilities		State Permits (Non-NPDES)
		Non-POTW	

	POTW	(Industrial)	
Operational:	143	242	1,766
Partially Operational:	2	1	33
Non Operational:	0	0	88
Unknown:	0	0	121
Totals:	145	243	2,008
<p>Comments: Data is compiled from the State of Florida's StormTracker system. The NPDES universe tracked in StormTracker represents a subset of the total inventory of NPDES permitted systems that are identified by the State of Florida as the most critical for operational status determinations following major disasters.</p> <p>This report shows that 99% of the POTWs are Operational, no change since last report of 99%.</p> <p>This report shows that 99% of the Non-POTW NPDES Permitted Facilities tracked in StormTracker are Operational, no change since last report of 99%.</p> <p><u>Operational:</u> Facility &amp; associated collection system is properly conveying, and effectively providing wastewater treatment, in accordance with applicable permit conditions and regulations. (Operating on full or backup generator power.)</p> <p><u>Partially Operational:</u> Facility and/or associated collection system is properly conveying and providing wastewater treatment at a compromised capacity, i.e. one or more treatment train components are non-operational, one or more lift stations are non-operational, etc.</p> <p><u>Non Operational:</u> Facility and/or associated collection system is not providing wastewater treatment in accordance with applicable permit conditions and regulations.</p> <p><u>Unknown:</u> Status of facility unknown at this time</p>			